## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 100 By Baird

## A RESOLUTION to recognize Thomas Collins on becoming an Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young people with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the highest rank a Boy Scout can attain is that of Eagle Scout and Thomas Collins, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, has joined the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor; and

WHEREAS, the son of Sarge and Elaine Collins, Thomas is a student at Jellico High School, where he has demonstrated considerable ability as a leader among his peers, exemplified by his rank of 1st Sergeant of the JROTC; and

WHEREAS, an outstanding athlete, Thomas plays baseball, basketball and football for the Jellico Blue Devils; and

WHEREAS, Thomas joined the Boy Scouts of America in 1993 and has become the first scout to obtain Eagle Scout status in the Woolridge Community in thirty-one years; and

WHEREAS, Thomas' Eagle project, the construction of a bridge over a creek to allow access to the park walking trail, greatly contributed to the betterment of his community and reflected the true spirit of Volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, he evinces his devout religious faith as an active member of Newcomb Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should pause to recognize Thomas as one of the most outstanding young people in our State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby applaud and honor Thomas Collins on becoming an Eagle Scout, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final resolving clause omitted from such copy.

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